AMENDMENT

Amendments to the Claims

The present document amends claims 21, 22, 24, 25, 26, and 53, and adds claims 55-56.

According to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c), after entry of the present amendment, the status of the claims in the case is as follows:

Claims 1-20 canceled.

21. (Currently amended) A substantially purified sphingo-phosphoinositol analogue of a phosphoinositide compound that comprises at least a first stable or radioactive isotope label within the inositol, ceramide or sphingosine residue of said phosphoinositide compound; wherein said stable or radioactive isotope label is selected from the group consisting of ²H, ³H, ³²P, ³³P and ³⁵S and wherein said phosphoinositide compound has the *myo*-inositol-based structure:

wherein:

 R^1 = Ceramide residue or derivative thereof of ceramide residue, or Sphingosine residue or derivative thereof of sphingosine residue; R^3 , R^4 , R^5 = H or Q(T)(OH)₂;

$$Q = P$$
, ^{32}P or ^{33}P ;

$$T = O, S \text{ or } ^{35}S;$$

W, X, Y, $Z = {}^{2}H$, ${}^{3}H$ or H; and

wherein said structure contains at least one ²H, ³H, ³²P, ³³P or ³⁵S as isotopic label.

22. (Currently amended) A substantially purified C-phosphonate analogue of a phosphoinositide compound that comprises at least a first stable or radioactive isotope label within the inositol or glycerol residue of said phosphonate analogue of the phosphoinositide compound; wherein said stable or radioactive isotope label is selected from the group consisting of ²H, ³H, ³²P, ³³P and ³⁵S and wherein said phosphoinositide compound has the *myo*-inositol-based structure:

wherein:	
	R', R'' = fattyacyl, alkyl or H;
	R^3 , R^4 , $R^5 = H$ or $Q(T)(OH)_2$;
	$Q = P$, ^{32}P or ^{33}P ;
	$T = O, S \text{ or } ^{35}S;$
	$W, X, Y, Z = {}^{2}H, {}^{3}H \text{ or } H; \text{ and}$

wherein said structure contains at least one ²H, ³H, ³²P, ³³P or ³⁵S as isotopic label, and wherein an O-P bond of phosphate moiety of said phosphoinositide compound structure is replaced by a C-P bond.

A substantially purified C phosphonate analogue of a phosphoinositide compound that comprises at least a first stable or radioactive isotope label within the inositol or the C phosphonate phosphatidyl residue of said phosphoinositide compound; wherein said stable or radioactive isotope label is selected from the group consisting of ²H, ³H, ³²P, ³³P and ³⁵S and wherein said phosphoinositide compound has the *myo*-inositol-based structure:

wherein said structure contains at least one ²H, ³H, ³²P, ³³P or ³⁵S as isotopic label.</sup>

- 23. (Original) The C-phosphonate phosphoinositide compound of claim 22, wherein said phosphoinositide compound comprises at least a first (poly)unsaturated fattyacyl residue.
- 24. (Currently amended) A synthetic intermediate of an isotopically labelled sphingo-phosphoinositol analogue of a phosphoinositide compound, said synthetic intermediate comprising temporary protecting groups at hydroxyl, nitrogen and phosphate positions other than the position into which the isotopic label is to be introduced; wherein said synthetic intermediate has one of the *myo*-inositol-based structures:

wherein:

X = H, ²H or ³H; Y = alkyl, CH₃, H or (O protecting group);

R¹ = Ceramide residue or derivative thereof of ceramide residue, or

Sphingosine residue or derivative thereof of sphingosine residue;

R³, R⁴, R⁵ = (OH protecting group), (Q(T)(O protecting group)₂),

(Q(T)(OH)(O protecting group) or (Q(T)(OH)₂);

R², R⁶ = H or (OH protecting group);

$$Q = P$$
, ^{32}P or ^{33}P ;
 $T = O$, S or ^{35}S ; and

wherein said structure contains at least one ²H, ³H, ³²P, ³³P or ³⁵S as isotopic label.

25. (Currently amended) A synthetic intermediate of an isotopically labelled C-phosphonate analogue of a phosphoinositide compound, said synthetic intermediate comprising temporary protecting groups at hydroxyl, phosphonate and phosphate positions other than the position into which the isotopic label is to be introduced; wherein said synthetic intermediate has one of the *mvo*-inositol-based structures:

wherein:

$$X = H$$
, ^{2}H or ^{3}H ; $Y = alkyl$, CH_{3} , H or (O protecting group);

R', R'' = fattyacyl, alkyl or H;

 R^3 , R^4 , $R^5 = (OH protecting group), <math>(Q(T)(O protecting group)_2)$,

 $(Q(T)(OH)(O \text{ protecting group}) \text{ or } (Q(T)(OH)_2);$

 R^2 , $R^6 = H$ or (OH protecting group);

$$Q = P$$
, ^{32}P or ^{33}P ;

$$T = O$$
, S or ^{35}S ; and

wherein said structure contains at least one ²H, ³H, ³²P, ³³P or ³⁵S as isotopic label.

26. (Currently amended) A synthetic precursor of a synthetic intermediate of an isotopically labelled sphingo-phosphoinositol analogue of a phosphoinositide compound, wherein said synthetic precursor has a ketone group at the position into which an isotopic ²H or ³H label is to be introduced; wherein said synthetic precursor has one of the structures:

wherein:

$$Y = alkyl, CH_3 or H;$$

R¹ = Ceramide residue or derivative thereof of ceramide residue, or

Sphingosine residue or derivative thereof of sphingosine residue;

R³, R⁴, R⁵ = (OH protecting group), (Q(T)(O protecting group)₂),

(Q(T)(OH)(O protecting group) or (Q(T)(OH)₂);

R², R⁶ = H or (OH protecting group); and

Q = P, ³²P or ³³P; and

T = O. S or ³⁵S.

27. (Original) A synthetic precursor of a synthetic intermediate of an isotopically labelled C-phosphonate analogue of a phosphoinositide compound, wherein said synthetic precursor has a ketone group at the position into which an isotopic ²H or ³H label is to be introduced; wherein said synthetic precursor has one of the structures:

wherein:

Y = alkyl, CH₃ or H;
R', R" = fattyacyl, alkyl or H;
R³, R⁴, R⁵ = (OH protecting group), (Q(T)(O protecting group)₂),
(Q(T)(OH)(O protecting group) or (Q(T)(OH)₂);
R², R⁶ = H or (OH protecting group); and
Q = P,
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P or 33 P; and
T = O, S or 35 S.

28. (Original) The synthetic intermediate of claim 25, wherein said synthetic intermediate comprises at least a first (poly)unsaturated fattyacyl residue.

- 29. (Original) The synthetic precursor of claim 27, wherein said synthetic precursor comprises at least a first (poly)unsaturated fattyacyl residue.
- 30. (Original) The sphingo-phosphoinositol phosphoinositide compound of claim 21, wherein said phosphoinositide compound further comprises at least a second stable or radioactive isotope label within the ceramide or sphingosine residues of said sphingo-phosphoinositol phosphoinositide compound.
- 31. (Original) The C-phosphonate phosphoinositide compound of claim 22, wherein said phosphoinositide compound further comprises at least a second stable or radioactive isotope label within the alkyl or fattyacyl residues of said C-phosphonate phosphoinositide compound.
- 32. (Original) The sphingo-phosphoinositol phosphoinositide compound of claim 21, wherein said phosphoinositide compound has a structure based on 1D-myo-inositol.
- 33. (Original) The sphingo-phosphoinositol phosphoinositide compound of claim 21, wherein said phosphoinositide compound has a structure based on 1L-myo-inositol.
- 34. (Original) The C-phosphonate phosphoinositide compound of claim 22, wherein said phosphoinositide compound has a structure based on 1D-myo-inositol.
- 35. (Original) The C-phosphonate phosphoinositide compound of claim 22, wherein said phosphoinositide compound has a structure based on 1L-myo-inositol.

- 36. (Original) The synthetic intermediate of claim 24, wherein said synthetic intermediate has a structure based on 1D-myo-inositol.
- 37. (Original) The synthetic intermediate of claim 24, wherein said synthetic intermediate has a structure based on 1L-myo-inositol.
- 38. (Original) The synthetic intermediate of claim 25, wherein said synthetic intermediate has a structure based on 1D-myo-inositol.
- 39. (Original) The synthetic intermediate of claim 25, wherein said synthetic intermediate has a structure based on 1L-myo-inositol.
- 40. (Original) The synthetic precursor of claim 26, wherein said synthetic precursor has a structure based on 1D-myo-inositol.
- 41. (Original) The synthetic precursor of claim 26, wherein said synthetic precursor has a structure based on 1*L-myo*-inositol.
- 42. (Original) The synthetic precursor of claim 27, wherein said synthetic precursor has a structure based on 1D-myo-inositol.

- 43. (Original) The synthetic precursor of claim 27, wherein said synthetic precursor has a structure based on 1L-myo-inositol.
- 44. (Original) The C-phosphonate phosphoinositide compound of claim 22, wherein said phosphoinositide compound has a structure based on *sn*-glycero-3-phospho as glycerol residue.
- 45. (Original) The C-phosphonate phosphoinositide compound of claim 22, wherein said phosphoinositide compound has a structure based on *sn*-glycero-1-phospho as glycerol residue.
- 46. (Original) The C-phosphonate phosphoinositide compound of claim 22, wherein said phosphoinositide compound has a structure based on *rac*-glycero-3-phospho as glycerol residue.
- 47. (Original) The synthetic intermediate of claim 25, wherein said synthetic intermediate has a structure based on *sn*-glycero-3-phospho as glycerol residue.
- 48. (Original) The synthetic intermediate of claim 25, wherein said synthetic intermediate has a structure based on *sn*-glycero-1-phospho as glycerol residue.
- 49. (Original) The synthetic intermediate of claim 25, wherein said synthetic intermediate has a structure based on *rac*-glycero-3-phospho as glycerol residue.
- 50. (Original) The synthetic precursor of claim 27, wherein said synthetic precursor has a structure based on *sn*-glycero-3-phospho as glycerol residue.

- 51. (Original) The synthetic precursor of claim 27, wherein said synthetic precursor has a structure based on *sn*-glycero-1-phospho as glycerol residue.
- 52. (Original) The synthetic precursor of claim 27, wherein said synthetic precursor has a structure based on *rac*-glycero-3-phospho as glycerol residue.
- Currently amended) A substantially purified sphingo-phosphoinositol phosphoinositide compound that comprises at least a first stable or radioactive isotope label within the inositol, ceramide or sphingosine residue of said phosphoinositide compound; wherein said stable or radioactive isotope label is selected from the group consisting of ²H, ³H, ³²P, ³³P and ³⁵S; wherein said phosphoinositide compound has the *myo*-inositol-based structure:

wherein:

 R^1 = Ceramide residue or derivative thereof of ceramide residue, or Sphingosine residue or derivative thereof of sphingosine residue;

$$R^{3}$$
, R^{4} , $R^{5} = H$ or $Q(T)(OH)_{2}$;
 $Q = P$, ^{32}P or ^{33}P ;
 $T = O$, S or ^{35}S ;

W, X, Y,
$$Z = {}^{2}H$$
, ${}^{3}H$ or H; and

wherein said structure contains at least one ²H, ³H, ³²P, ³³P or ³⁵S as isotopic label and further comprises temporary protecting groups at hydroxyl and phosphate positions other than the position of at least a first stable or radioactive ²H and ³H isotope label.

54. (Original) A substantially purified C-phosphonate phosphoinositide compound that comprises at least a first stable or radioactive isotope label within the inositol or glycerol residue of said phosphoinositide compound; wherein said stable or radioactive isotope label is selected from the group consisting of ²H, ³H, ³²P, ³³P and ³⁵S; wherein said phosphoinositide compound has the *myo*-inositol-based structure:

$$R'O-CH_2$$
 $R''O-CW$
 CH_2
 H_2C
 P
 OH
 CH_2
 HO
 O
 OR^4
 OR^5

wherein:

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$$R^3$$
, R^4 , $R^5 = H$ or $Q(T)(OH)_2$;

$$Q = P$$
, ³²P or ³³P;

$$T = O, S \text{ or } ^{35}S;$$

$$W, X, Y, Z = {}^{2}H, {}^{3}H \text{ or } H; \text{ and }$$

wherein said structure contains at least one ²H, ³H, ³²P, ³³P or ³⁵S as isotopic label and further comprises temporary protecting groups at hydroxyl and phosphate positions other than the position of at least a first stable or radioactive ²H and ³H isotope label.

O-P bond link to glycerol in phosphoinositide structure is replaced by a C-P bond, and wherein the said C-phosphonate analogue phosphoinositide compound has the structure:

wherein:

R', R" = fattyacyl, alkyl or H;

$$R^3$$
, R^4 , R^5 = H or $Q(T)(OH)_2$;
 $Q = P$, ^{32}P or ^{33}P ;
 $T = O$, S or ^{35}S ;
W, X, Y, $Z = ^2H$, 3H or H; and

wherein said structure contains at least one ²H, ³H, ³²P, ³³P or ³⁵S as isotopic label.

56. (New) A phosphonate analogue phosphoinositide compound of claim 55 wherein the O-P bond link to inositol in phosphoinositide structure is replaced by a C-P bond, and wherein the said phosphonate analogue phosphoinositide compound has the structure:

$$R'O-CH_2$$
 $R''O-CW$
 H_2C
 O
 OH
 O
 $P=O$
 HO
 H_2C
 Y
 OH
 OR^5

wherein:

R', R" = fattyacyl, alkyl or H;

$$R^3$$
, R^4 , R^5 = H or Q(T)(OH)₂;
 $Q = P$, ^{32}P or ^{33}P ;
 $T = O$, S or ^{35}S ;
W, X, Y, $Z = ^2H$, 3H or H; and

wherein said structure contains at least one ²H, ³H, ³²P, ³³P or ³⁵S as isotopic label.